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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Gregory Springler et al.

Appln. No.: 10/828,804

Filed: April 20, 2004

For: ENERGY ABSORBING PADDING WITH  
STAGED ELEMENTS

Examiner: Devon C. Kramer

Art Unit: 3683

Attorney Docket No: 10541-1971

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## TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

## Attached is/are:

- ☒ REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
☐ Return Receipt Postcard

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- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
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| Total                                     | 16                               | Minus 20                        | 0             | x \$25=            | x \$50=   |
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Respectfully submitted,

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## REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 13, 2006, Applicants respectfully submit this paper comprising the following parts:

- I. Listing of Claims, beginning on page 2;
- II. Remarks, beginning on page 7.

Applicants note that the Transmittal to which this paper is attached includes a Certificate of Mailing under 37 C.F.R. §1.8; and a fee statement calculating any fee(s) presently due in connection with the filing of this paper, along with an authorization to charge any fee deficiency to the deposit account of Applicant's assignee, Visteon Global Technologies, Inc., Deposit Account No. 06-1500.



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